MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL AT THE URBAN CAMPUS

DMACC Urban Campus students Khoa Huynh (left) of Des Moines and Nam Nguyen of Des Moines prepare beef and chicken kabobs at the Multicultural Festival held Oct. 26 at the DMACC Urban Campus. Huynh and Nguyen are both originally from Vietnam.

DMACC Urban Campus second-year student Heather Kilby (right) of Des Moines purchases some food prepared by Selemani Sibomama (left) of Des Moines and Hser Pawwah of Des Moines. Sibomama and Pawwah are from Burundi.

DMACC Urban Campus student Eh Gay (right), originally from Thailand and now living in Des Moines, prepares to sample foods prepared by Lathda Sayasang of Des Moines and Metayenda Mandao of Des Moines. Savasang is from Laos, while Mandao is originally from Togo.
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May Re (photo on left) and Beh Re take part in the fashion show held during the Multicultural Festival. Both are from Burma and are now living in Des Moines.

First-year English as a Second Language student Ali Amari of Des Moines sings a song while wearing the apparel of his native country, the Congo.

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DMACC PRESIDENT’S DAY AWARD RECIPIENTS

DMACC Pioneer member Mike Perry (center) receives congratulations and a crystal bowl upon being named DMACC’s 2011 Outstanding Pioneer Award recipient from DMACC Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Kim Linduska and DMACC Foundation Board member Mike Grandgeorge. The award was presented by the DMACC Foundation during DMACC’s President’s Day activities held Oct. 21 on the DMACC Boone Campus.

DMACC Continuing Education Teacher Cynthia Arterburn (center) of Bondurant receives congratulations and a crystal bowl upon being named DMACC’s 2011 Distinguished Continuing Education Teacher Award recipient from DMACC Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Kim Linduska, and DMACC Foundation Board member Mike Grandgeorge. The award was presented by the DMACC Foundation during DMACC’s President’s Day activities held Oct. 21 on the DMACC Boone Campus.

DMACC Ankeny Campus Tool and Die Adjunct Instructor Dale Collins (center) of Des Moines received the Distinguished Adjunct Teacher Award.

DMACC Urban Campus Business Professor Dan Hilgers (center) of Dexter was named DMACC’s 2011 Distinguished Teacher Award recipient.
DMACC Electronic Crime Institute (ECI) Director Bryan Burkhardt (center) was named DMACC’s 2011 Distinguished Adjunct Teacher Award recipient.

DMACC’s Continuing Education Support Staff received DMACC’s 2011 Support Staff Service Award. The recipients include (second from left, left to right) Marilyn Arnold of Des Moines, Dana Zeiser of Ankeny, Mary Wakefield of Des Moines and Lori Obernolte of Sheldahl. They received congratulations from DMACC Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Kim Linduska (left) and DMACC Foundation Board member Mike Grandgeorge. Cindy Huisman and Teresa Farrell, both of Ankeny and not pictured, also received the award.

DMACC’s Urban Campus received DMACC’s 2011 Outstanding Process Improvement Award. Urban Campus Provost Dr. Laura Douglas accepted the crystal bowl on behalf of the entire Urban Campus.

In addition, DMACC’s Student Services staff received the 2011 Distinguished Department Award from the DMACC Foundation.
TAPESTRY AWARDS

DMACC Ankeny Campus Advisor Ahmed Onwona-Agyeman (center) of Ankeny receives a DMACC Tapestry Award presented to him by DMACC Diversity Commission Chair Jeanie McCarville Kerber (left) and DMACC Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Kim Linduska. The Tapestry Awards are presented by the DMACC Diversity Commission to recognize individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to diversity.

DMACC Urban Campus Human Services Professor Ilima Young-Dunn (center) of West Des Moines also received a Tapestry Award presented at DMACC’s President’s Day activities.

PRESIDENT’S DAY SPEAKER

Thomas Brown, Managing Principal at Thomas Brown and Associates, LLC, facilitated two Pathways to Persistence simulations held at DMACC’s President’s Day activities. He spoke to the faculty in a morning session and to non-faculty members in an afternoon session.
DMACC BOONE CAMPUS PLAY

DMACC Boone Campus students Stephanie Clemons (left to right) of Ogden, Matt Beyer of Boone and Blake Davenport of Boone rehearse a scene from the upcoming production of *The Sensuous Senator*. The play is a comedy by Michael Parker. *The Sensuous Senator* will be performed on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 11 and 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Boone Campus Theater. Tickets cost $5 per person and may be purchased at the door. DMACC students receive free admission.

Beyer and Rachel Davis of Boone get to know each other in another scene of *The Sensuous Senator*. The play is directed by DMACC Drama Department Professor Kay Mueller.

CAMPBELL SPEAKS ON COPING WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

Sean Campbell, a 22-year-old recent graduate of Hunter College in New York City, speaks on the topic, “You are Not Alone: Handling Mental Health Issues,” during a presentation on the Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC) Ankeny Campus. Campbell talked about his personal experiences in coping with mental health issues and the challenges of living with a family member with a bipolar disorder and alcoholism, and his own personal battle with depression. Campbell admitted sometimes it is still hard for him to be in large groups and that relationships and intimacy scare him. He also told the DMACC students that you don’t overcome mental health issues, but instead you cope with them. Campbell also spoke at the DMACC Urban, Boone, Carroll and West Campuses.
NO IMPACT MAN SPEAKS AT DMACC

Colin Beavan, author of No Impact Man, speaks at the DMACC Ankeny Campus on Thur., Nov. 3. Earlier that morning, he also spoke at the Boone Campus. His book is the featured reading during the One Book, One College, One Community project to foster creativity, critical thinking and fellowship among numerous academic disciplines at all DMACC campuses. In No Impact Man, Beavan chronicles his yearlong effort to leave as little impact on the environment as possible. His efforts included making his own bread, forgoing toilet paper and not using electricity and all modes of motorized transportation. Beavan told the DMACC audience that not everybody can be like him and buy fresh food and ride a bike to work. He also said he’s not suggesting everyone do what he does. To this day, Beavan said “bottled water is stupid.” The film, No Impact Man, was shown at the DMACC Newton Campus.

HALLOWEEN AT THE CARROLL CAMPUS

DMACC Carroll Campus student Kara Orr took first place in the annual Halloween Costume Contest on the Carroll Campus. She received an iPod Shuffle for winning the contest, dressing as a Western Fairy. Joe Kock finished in second place and received a DMACC T-shirt for being a Royal Renaissance Courtier.
HALLOWEEN IN BLDG. #1 ON THE ANKENY CAMPUS

The Registration department on the Ankeny Campus decorated their entire area of Bldg. #1 in a circus motif for Halloween. Those participating include (left to right) Kris Keller, Julie Emehiser, Carol Bethards (kneeling), June Weltha, Charity Watson, Andrea Jacobsen and Ann Kissinger. The ringleader, clowns, person being shot out of a cannon (Charity) and popcorn vendors and others decorated the office with monkeys on a trapeze, tigers jumping through hoops and leopards in a cage while offering free popcorn and cracker jacks to help celebrate Halloween. The registration staff also won first place in the Ankeny Campus Student Activities Council (SAC)-sponsored Halloween costume contest.

Ashley Howe (left to right), Thing 1; Jo Lorenzen, Cat in the Hat, and Linette Connell, Thing 2, also demonstrated their Halloween spirit in the Admissions Department. The admissions staff took second place in the SAC-sponsored Halloween costume contest. Academic Dean Sally “nun” Schroeder took third place in the competition.

DMACC Ankeny Campus students also took part in the costume contest. The winners were (left to right) Khara Safranek of Ankeny, winning the $50 first prize for her Blues Brother outfit; Ryan Nichols of Des Moines took second place and received $35 for being a zombie; and Aaron Schwarzkopf of West Des Moines finished in third place and received $25 as a swamp monster.
WAX HANDS

DMACC second-year student JoAnna Jackson (right) of Des Moines has her hand replicated in wax as Mario Kaplon assists in the removal of the wax cast. The event was a Halloween activity sponsored by the Ankeny Campus Student Activities Council.

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

DMACC Ankeny Campus student Lori McClarey of West Des Moines received a $75 prize for winning the individual Pumpkin Carving Contest sponsored by the Ankeny Campus Student Activities Council. Her “lion” bested runner-up Brooke Reitann of Boone and her “candy corn lion.” She received $50 for taking second place. Rochelle Hein of Ankeny received $25 for her carving of a “puking pumpkin.”

TOURS OF REMODELED DENTAL HYGIENE CLINIC

DMACC second-year Dental Hygiene student Tiffani Morris (right) of Des Moines and Dr. Daniel Venker share a laugh during a tour of the recently remodeled DMACC Dental Hygiene Clinic located on the DMACC Ankeny Campus.
DMACC BEAR HANDS OUT HALLOWEEN TREATS

The DMACC Bear handed out 2,000 pieces of candy in two hours at the DMACC Kiosk at Valley West Mall prior to Halloween. Mall vendors handed out the Halloween treats so the youngsters would not have to trick-or-treat in the cold.

EXPLORE ENGINEERING DAY AT DMACC

DMACC second-year student Seth Berry (left) of Des Moines visits with John Jacobson, Assistant Department Chair and Advising Coordinator at Iowa State University’s College of Engineering Aerospace Engineering Department. Berry was attending an Explore Engineering Day event held Nov. 1 on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. The event was sponsored by DMACC and the ISU College of Engineering for students to learn more about career opportunities in the field of engineering.

DMACC EMPLOYEE AWARDS

Congratulations to the following employees who have received DMACC Employee Awards.

Bob Stitz, Equipment, Computer & Network Tech, Ankeny Campus. For his extraordinary service after the new carpet installation in 3E, getting computers, printers and phones up and running, as well as helping move belongings and electronic equipment back to their proper spot.

Pam Strait, Copy Room Operator 2. For her extraordinary service in going to almost every building on campus to locate letterhead for a job of 3,000 letters. She met the deadline with a smile on her face.

Nominations can be submitted at any time for employees who make exceptional contributions to DMACC. To receive a nomination form, click on http://go.dmacc.edu/bulletin/documents/daward.pdf. Additional nomination forms are available in each department office or may be requested from Kim Cady, 515-964-6301, kscady@dmacc.edu.
BETHARDS SELECTED FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

DMACC Nursing Professor Melody Bethards has been selected for the yearlong Leadership Development Program for Simulation Educators. She was chosen with 20 other nurses from across the United States for this honor by the National League for Nursing (NLN).

DMACC HOSTS CENTER FOR WORKING FAMILIES CONFERENCE

DMACC President Rob Denson (right) speaks during a panel discussion at the recent Center for Working Families Annual Fall Conference held on the DMACC Ankeny Campus. Other panelists included (left to right) MDC Senior Program Director Colin Austin, Central New Mexico Community College President Katharine Winograd and Skyline Community College President Regina Stanback.

The Center for Working Families® (CWF) is a new approach to help low-income families reach financial stability and move up the economic ladder. Pioneered by the Casey Foundation and now supported by other major funders, the CWF offers an innovative framework for how families can increase their earnings and income (“Earn It”), reduce their financial transaction costs (“Keep It”), and build wealth for themselves and their communities (“Grow It”).

DMACC students (left to right) Matt Gogerty of Des Moines, Shonne Webb-Beh (center) of Story City and Kimberly Sparrow (with microphone) of Des Moines join DMACC’s Mary Chapman and Denise Aikoriegi (right) in a panel discussion at the Center for Working Families conference. Gogerty, who is enrolled in Architectural Millwork, and Webb-Beh and Sparrow, who are Nursing students, described how DMACC’s CWF approach is working for them and encouraging them to focus on their goals while overcoming setbacks to their respective academic lives.
PIONEERS CONNECTION

NOVEMBER MEETING TO HONOR ALL PIONEER VETERANS

Calling all Pioneer Veterans and spouses who are veterans: On Thursday, November 10, we will honor all of our Veterans at a short meeting in the Oak Room in Bldg. #7. Please join us for this special recognition ceremony as we honor all of you who served our country. Pat Butin and Don Enright (former and present DMACC Veteran Affairs Coordinators) will be with us to share this event. There will be a Board Meeting at 10 a.m.

DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY

On Monday, December 12, we will team up with the DMACC Board to hold our annual Holiday Party from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Lakeview Inn in Bldg. #7 on the Ankeny Campus. We will be providing the dessert and special items, so bring your favorite holiday party treats and plan to join the party. This is always a great event. Hope to see you there.

PAMELA’S PANTRY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Mary Ocker in Bldg. #7, Room 10, is always in need of nonperishable snack items for our needy students. Please show your support by bringing items directly to Mary or to the next Pioneer meeting, or by making a financial contribution to the Pioneers on behalf of Pamela’s Pantry.

FOOD BASKET TIME

Linda Fernandez is organizing the Holiday Food Basket extravaganza. The forms have been posted on the DMACC Web site and we are expecting a larger than ever volume of requests in this time of need for our students. Call Linda at 515-965-3372 to offer to help. Baskets will be assembled and delivered to the outer campus students in time for the Thanksgiving Holiday, and to the Ankeny campus students in time for the Holiday break.

FINAL NOTES

I received this from a close friend and thought I would share it with all of you.

One day a woman's husband died, and on that clear, cold morning, in the warmth of their bedroom, the wife was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't "anymore." No more hugs, no more special moments to celebrate together, no more phone calls just to chat, no more "just one minute."

Sometimes, what we care about the most gets all used up and goes away, never to return before we can say good-bye, before we can say "I love you." So, while we have it, it's best we love it, care for it, fix it when it's broken and heal it when it's sick.

This is true for marriage.....and old cars... and children with bad report cards, and dogs with bad hips, and aging parents and grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it, because we are worth it.

Some things we keep—like a best friend who moved away or a sister-in-law after divorce. There are just some things that make us happy, no matter what.

Life is important, like people we know who are special. And so, we keep them close!

Let every one of your friends know you love them. Even if you think they don't love you back.

Love You All!

Pioneer President, Dee Johnson